THE APPREHENSIONS

Of ſome poor Obſervers of preſent Diſpenſations, and Providential Actings, imparted to the Lords Remnant in the Nations, for the provoking of them in this day of *Jacobs* trouble, to look unto their Maker, and that their eyes may reſpect the Holy One of *Iſrael.*

THE *LORD OF HOSTS* having roared as a Lion from his dwelling place againſt his own Heritage, for their halting, ſettling on their Lees, ſavour of the world, and their ſore iniquity, ſo that hee hath ſmitten *Jacob*, and made the fatnes of his fleſh waxe lean, rebuking all his Idols, and diſappointing expectations round about, from any ſhort of his own ſaving hand, turning many years endeavours, even in the fire, in theſe three Nations, into a diſmaying Chaos of confuſion, whether wee look to Rulers, Ruled, Armies, Churches, Prophets, or People; ſo that wee may ſay there is no healing Medicine in any hand, but our breach is wide as the Sea, &c.

And in the ſenſe of great iniquity in all, yet under ſome hope wee have againſt hope of the Lords pleaſure in mercy to rebuke the pride of *MOAB*, *who ſo ſorely revileth his* Heritage, and to ariſe for the relief of his people as in *MOUNT PERAZIM, and as in the valley of Gibeon*, yea as againſt *PHARAOH* of old, to the glorious exaltation of his Son, and ſalvation and peace of his Subjects, even now the *ASSYRIAN hath ſpread over his land*, wee account it our duty more earneſtly to call unto all, who have received the adoption of children, to appear in the advantage of their *ACCEPTABLE ADVOCATE* at the Throne of the Father, in all meekneſs and fear to bewayl over the evils, and intercede for the bleſſings needed, in the Nations, and in particular to lay to heart theſe things following, which wee have thought on towards their help, and our own, in the time of ſolemn aſſembling before him, which we humbly propoſe might be very frequent in, the ſeveral Aſſemblies, or remnants of the faithful in the three Nations; and to the end our cry may bee joynt herein at the Mercy-ſeat, and there may bee a communication of what the Lord in grace ſhall grant in anſwer hereunto, that it *beauty* bee given for *aſhes*, wee may alſo obtain mercy to abound more in thankſgiving than heretofore, wee humbly ſignifie our intention, if the Lord pleaſe, to begin our ſolemn Supplication the next fourth day come ſevennight, being the eleventh day of the eleventh Month, commonly called *January*, and are deſirous to underſtand from others, and obſerve and communicate what acceptance the Lord will ſignifie, that wee may underſtand together, and bee glad in the ſalvation of God.

Matters referring to the Churches to bee bewayled.

1. The deep ſleep and ſpirit of ſlumber fallen upon Churches and people of the Lord, and as a ſad effect thereof, little diſcerning, either what the Lord is doing, or his people ought to do, but a ſtrange divided language amongſt them calling for a lamentation.

2. That a ſpirit of the love of this world, in the profits, pleaſures, honour, and reputation thereof, hath inſnared ſo many to the Lords diſhonour, Truths diſſervice, and their own hurt, and horrible declining.

3. That there is ſo little zeal or activity for the Lord, or his concerns, in compariſon with what hath been, each one now minding his own, but few the things of Jeſus Chriſt.

4. That inſtead of thorow witneſs-bearing for the Lord in this day of deep Apoſtacy,* coſtly ſervices are declined, and a fearful unbeleeving confederacy rather ſaid with whomſoever the world ſayes a confederacy, bowing down the neck to every yoak, like home-born ſlaves, to whomſoever, or ho wſoever any get up, or being up, do manage their power.

Matters referring to the Nation to be bewailed.

1 The horrible Treachery that hath lately abounded betwixt Rulers and Ruled, yea, even thoſe that have been in neereſt bonds related, ſupplanting and dealing falſly with each other, to the ſore pollution of a righteous profeſsion in the land, together with the ſhamefull profaning the pretence to the fear of the Lord, ſo often proclaimed to be reſpected by Rulers, who in the diſtribution of their truſt unto men, have ſo little truly regarded the ſame.

2 That a ſpirit of open prophaneneſs of all ſorts increaſeth, and that almoſt without controul.

3 That there is an implacable deſperate rage reaching up to heaven againſt the Lord his works and people, ſatisfied with nothing leſs than the ruine of all, running back to *Egypt*, and licking up again the vomit of every old exploded abomination, which the late Country inſurrections, and City tumults abetted ſo much by men in power, and the National Clergy, ſufficiently evidenced.

4 That there is continued in this day of Goſpel light, that ſoul-afflicting iniquity, of exacting Tythes, both from the Lords Heritage, and ſuch as are yet unconverted, and this contended for by the Nations Miniſtry, aſſiſted by force over us, ruling by their means, whereby the Lords ſervices are loathed, and the Land expoſed to the deſtroyer, as at *Shiloh* of old.

Particulars to be prayed for.

1 That our dear Redeemer, who both by decree and covenant, &c. is intitled to the rule of Nations, may in this day, when the Lord hath ſo ſorely ſhaken other foundations, be more clearly diſcovered to be the onely Potentate, King of Kings and Kingdoms, and his Laws and Government in the excellency of them in their own nature ſo made known, as theſe Nations may cloze with them and him, in whom only the Lord hath ſaid, *Nations ſhall be bleſſed.*

2 That thoſe two great Ordinances of Magiſtracy and Miniſtery may be brought forth in their truth and beauty, diſtinguiſhed from the counterfeits of them, by pouring forth more anointing to thoſe offices, by which it may be demonſtrated that the ſufficiency of both is only of and from the Lord, and that he may in all humility and fear be appealed unto, for a gracious deciſion in this day of the worlds rage, and accuſing his poor people for being againſt Magiſtracy and Miniſtery, whether the accuſed or accuſers are moſt for that which he will own.

3 That thoſe of the Army and their adherents who have been ſo ſorely viſited by the Lord, and whoſe affliction is like to be helped forward, and added to by unreaſonable and cruel revilers, might have that diſpenſation of his, ſo ſanctified to them, as might tend effectually to renew them to repentance, for their great Apoſtacy and treacherous dealing with the Lord his cauſe and people, that ſo the Lord in mercy might put a checque to the boundleſs rage of the enemy, and avenger, and in due time reprove their inſulting Reprovers.

4 That in this day of ſo eminent a fayler of the viſible protection of his poor peeled people, he might be earneſtly ſought unto, and found to bee their ſure defence, and yet again this ſong might be in their mouths, *SALVATION IS OF THE LORD, HIS BLESSING IS UPON HIS PEOPLE*, and it might be known to the ends of the earth, *that there is no inchantment againſt* Jacob, neither is there any divination againſt *Iſrael.*

5 And laſtly, but eſpecially, that the ſpirit might be ſo poured out upon all the Lords ſons and daughters, about whom he hath been hitherto as a wall of fire for defence, that they may weep very bitterly over all iniquity which hath ſeparated betwixt them and their God, and have great occaſion continued and renewed to cry Grace, Grace, unto his great name, and by recalling former, and better obſerving his works of wonder to come, may be taught to order their converſation aright, that he may delight to ſhew his ſalvations, and increaſe in the middeſt of them the ſhout of a King, to whom be dominion and glory for ever. *Amen.*

* See and bewail the *Dwb, it Tongued* Declaration of 23. People called Anabaptiſts, in and about *London*, debaſing their holy Profeſſion, and expoſing their diſſenting brethren, with the Quakers, and others, to the Perſecutor, which Declaration, we deteſt, and ſom baptiſed Congregations in, and about *London* diſown.

John Berwicke, *Phil. Pinchon,* *John Proud,* *Rich. Goodgroom,* *Hump. Hatborn,* *Pere. Goodricke,*
Clement Ireton, *Wentworth Day,* *H. Courtney,* *John Vernon,* *Will. Allen,* *H. Danvers,*
Will. Launce, *Rich. Bowney,* *Lewes Powel,* *John Garbrand,* *Rich. Robinſon,* *Joſeph Archer,*
John North, *Nicho. Gilbert,* *Tho. Johnſon,* *Tobias Picks,* *Will. Smiter,* *John Edkins.*

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